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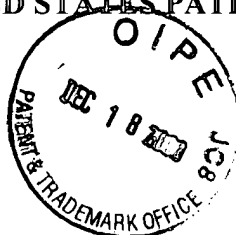
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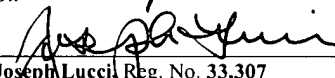
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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

This request for reconsideration is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed on September 12, 2000, in connection with the above-identified patent application.

Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of all rejections upon consideration of the following.